

Vishinsky Succeeds Molotov As Soviet Foreign Minister

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LINCOLN: Fair to partly cloudy and slightly cooler tonight; lowest near 30 tonight; Sunday partly cloudy and cooler with highest near 45.

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1,000 Homeless In Iowa Flooding

Russian Changes Puzzling

Menshikov Is Named To Replace Mikoyan

MOSCOW—(AP)—Andrei Y. Vishinsky replaced Vyacheslav M. Molotov as foreign minister Saturday in a momentous shift of helmsmen in international relations.

Russia's second most important official in dealings with the outside world, Foreign Trade Minister A. I. Mikoyan, also was replaced by his deputy, M. A. Menshikov, after 23 years at the job.

Until Saturday Vishinsky also had been Molotov's deputy.

These dramatic changes—the most important in the Soviet Union since Molotov took over the foreign ministry a decade ago from Maxim Litvinov—were announced by the presidium of the Supreme Soviet in a brief statement which left unanswered a host of questions.

Appearing on the back pages of morning newspapers under the headline, "Announcements," it said:

No New Jobs Named.

"The presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. has freed deputy chairman of the council of ministers, Comrade V. M. Molotov, from duties as minister of foreign affairs and designated as minister of foreign affairs Comrade A. Y. Vishinsky."

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Airbase Fire Investigation Is Under Way

Preliminary investigations into the million-dollar blaze which destroyed an air guard hangar and two bombers were under way Saturday.

No date has been set when the five-man board of inquiry will hear testimony of witnesses, Maj. Donald G. Penterman, senior board officer said.

The fifth member of the board, Capt. Fred H. Bailey, jr., base commander of the air guard, was due in Lincoln Saturday from Indianapolis, Ind., where he had been attending the Allison Jet-Engine Technical school.

Other officers on board include: Capt. Howard McEsters, 222nd air service armament-ordnance officer; Capt. Richard Hunter, 173rd Fighter squadron; and Lt. Robert E. Hopkins, 222nd air service group.



MOVED UP—Andrei Vishinsky, former deputy to Molotov, moved up into his old boss's job. He recently returned to Moscow after being treated in Czechoslovakia for what was described as a serious illness.



BOOTED OUT—V. M. Molotov, frequently mentioned as successor to Stalin, Friday night stepped down from his post as Soviet foreign minister.

Most Officials Refuse Comment

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) said Saturday Russia's shift of Andrei Vishinsky to foreign minister succeeding Vyacheslav M. Molotov means a "relentless" man replaces a "relentless" man.

Vandenberg said frankly that he did not know what the latest shift among the Soviet czars means. He added:

"If the change means anything, it remains for the (Soviet) politburo overlord to say. But while there is life there is hope."

President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson and Former Secretary Marshall all withheld comment.

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Unified Defense Is Asked

Truman Calls For Additional Power For Department Head

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman called Saturday for broad changes in the national military establishment, including conversion of the new agency into a regular department of government.

In a special message to congress he said that present powers of the defense secretary over the armed forces are "too limited."

The secretary should be given "appropriate responsibility and authority," said the president.

Moreover, he recommended appointment of a chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, with "precedence" over the three commanders of the armed forces now constituting the staff.

In general, Mr. Truman's recommendations followed those of the Hoover commission which studied the national defense organization along with other agencies.

Northwestern Bell Hearing Is Concluded

Services rendered to Northwestern Bell Telephone company by American Telephone and Telegraph company were labeled "essential" at the conclusion of Northwestern Bell's rate increase hearing before the railway commission.

A.T.&T. Special Accountant Walter H. Cox, jr., Summit, N. J., pointed out the different benefits Northwestern Bell receives under license contract with the parent firm.

Cox said terms of the contract call for one per cent of Northwestern Bell's revenue. This, he maintained, does not fully meet all costs of service supplied by the parent firm.

"These services," Cox said, "are essential to a satisfactory telephone service and are provided in the most economical basis."

"They cannot be eliminated without impairing the service rendered by the operating companies, and must be considered as part of the cost of furnishing telephone service."

Other witnesses as the company concluded its testimony were Clarence N. Ostergren, Scarsdale, N. Y., A.T.&T. depreciation and price survey engineer, and Harold L. Bickett, Westfield, N. J., chief statistician of Western Electric company's accounting division.

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Salt Creek Drops At Ashland

Ice-Clogged Streams Pose New Week-End State Flood Threats

Ashland held Nebraska's flood spotlight Saturday with Salt, Wahoo and Clear creeks and the Platte river reaching bankful and overflow stages. Elsewhere in the state ice-clogged streams and rivers threatened to cause trouble as week-end temperatures soared.

Acting Mayor K. E. Harris of Ashland told The Star Saturday that Salt creek has dropped 16 inches from its crest reached at 3 a. m. The creek remains within its banks, except for some spots along the lowlands.

No Families Evacuated.

At the Lincoln sewage plant Salt creek fell to 28.3 this noon from a high peak of 30.5 feet at midnight. It is expected to continue dropping.

Harris said Salt creek rose at Ashland at a rate of one inch an hour from Friday afternoon until early this morning. It has not been necessary to evacuate any families.

John Loder, farmer living near Waverly, said the overnight drop in Salt creek put it six to eight feet below flood stage on his farm. The creek was spilling over a county road west of Hickman Friday night but had subsided Saturday, Lancaster County Engineer L. W. Weaver said.

Gas Line Breaks.

A huge cake of ice broke a gas line under the Ashland bridge Friday afternoon cutting off service to at least 50 homes.

Salt creek stands at approximately the same height as that reached Thursday at Ashland before the ice jams broke.

Saunders County Sheriff Clarence Hagstrom told The Star Saturday morning that both Wahoo and Clear creeks are down in the Wahoo vicinity.

Wahoo creek has dropped at least five feet at Wahoo, the sheriff said. An ice jam at the Wahoo bridge, south of town, was causing trouble Friday. Farmland in that area was covered with overflow waters yesterday.

Wahoo and Clear, flowing into Salt creek north of Ashland, were both out of their banks. Highway No. 63 between Ashland and Wahoo and several county roads north of Ashland have been closed to traffic.

Oak creek in the Lincoln area fanned out over the farmland in the Davey area. Two hundred acres of pasture and lowlands on the Fred Blomstrom farm were under water. An ice block north of Waverly was blamed for the overflowing.

Raymond reported a drop in Oak creek after high water Friday night was over a bridge north of there.

Big Blue Rising.

At Wilber, the Big Blue river was rising Saturday. Observers recorded a near two foot rise overnight and described the waters as rising "fast" Saturday. The river was overflowing its banks in low areas about a mile south of Cedar, but Saline County Sheriff John Tesar said there was no immediate flood danger.

The ice layer on the Big Blue, which varies from 18 to 24 inches in thickness, was still intact Saturday, Sheriff Tesar said. He foresaw danger to bridges in the county when the ice begins to melt.

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AMERICAN HELD IN THEFT OF SECRETS—Under arrest in New York for stealing secret government information is Miss Judith Coplan, 27, an employee of the department of justice.



RUSSIAN ARRESTED FOR STEALING U. S. INFORMATION—Valentin A. Gubitchev, 32, a Russian employee of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations, is being held with an American girl for the theft of secret U. S. information.

Budget Group Approves N.P. Sub-Station

... On Inspection Tour

NORTH PLATTE, Neb.—(AP)—Conditions at the University of Nebraska experimental sub-station here were termed "excellent" Saturday by representatives of the legislature's budget committee.

Continuing their tour of central and western Nebraska, the committee arrived here Saturday morning and inspected the station, conferring with James Adams, superintendent.

Shortly after noon, the committee left North Platte for Curtis where it will inspect the school of agriculture. From Curtis the committee will go to Hastings.

Friday the committee visited the soldiers' and sailors' home at Grand Island and the three state institutions located at Kearney—the State Teachers college, boys' industrial school and the hospital for the tubercular.

At the Grand Island home, some of the senators said pensioned veterans should be required to pay for part of their keep or perhaps not be admitted.

Rites Monday For Mrs. Hunkins, On ATO Staff 12 Years

Mrs. Myrtle Hunkins, 68, 135 North Fourteenth street, who had been a Lincoln resident for 27 years, died suddenly Friday.

Born in Indiana, Mrs. Hunkins was a member of the Second Presbyterian church and had been in the housekeeping staff of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity for 12 years. She retired in 1943.

Surviving are her husband, Ben; three sons, Orin, Council Bluffs, Ia., Myrlan, Portland, Ore.; and Frank, Eugene, Ore.; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Schwartz, Lincoln, and Mrs. Mattie Postle, Portland, Ore.; one brother, John Carr, Beaver Crossing; six grandchildren and one nephew in Lincoln, Paul Wells.

Funeral services will be held Monday, 10:30 a. m., at Hodgman-Splain mortuary. Rev. Thomas Barton will be in charge. David Evans will play the organ. Further services will be held at 2:30 p. m. at the Methodist church in Beaver Crossing and burial in the Beaver Crossing cemetery will follow.

BIG 7 RECORD

Ed LaBerge of Iowa State college today set a Big Seven swimming meet record in the 100 yard dash. LaBerge swam the distance in :54.5. The old record held by Roger Adams of Iowa State, and established in 1941, was broken today by Malcolm Schmidt of Iowa State. Schmidt bettered Adams' record of :54.8 by one-tenth second.

Schmidt established his mark in his second heat. LaBerge broke Schmidt's record in the third heat.

Release Of Russ 'Spy' Is Sought

Russ U.N. Official, Federal Employee Are Picked Up In New York

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin demanded Saturday that the United States release a Russian U. N. attaché arrested in New York on a spy charge.

Panyushkin called on Undersecretary of State James Webb and discussed the case for almost an hour.

Webb told him the state department was looking into the matter in consultation with the justice department and the U. N. secretary, but that the Russian, Valentin A. Gubitchev, was charged with stealing U. S. secrets.

It was learned that in the view of responsible Washington officials Gubitchev does not have what is normally considered full diplomatic immunity. Rather, under laws governing U. S.-U. N. relations, he is said to have only such immunity as is necessary for him to carry on his work in a relatively minor position.

Spy Stories Sequel.

A guarded announcement from the justice department hinted at a spy-thriller sequel to last summer's sensational stories of a wartime red spy ring operating in high government places and relaying inside information by courier to Soviet agents in New York.

Gubitchev was held in \$100,000 bail and Miss Coplan in \$200,000 bail at their arraignment in New York on charges of conspiracy to commit espionage.

The justice department in its announcement referred to Gubitchev as "a member of the Russian delegation" to the U. N., but officials said later that he actually was an employee of the international organization's secretariat itself.

He is a Russian national and U. N. officials said he came here from the Soviet Union in 1947 with architects planning the U. N. headquarters building.

Russian Suspended.

Lie said Gubitchev had been suspended from his post during the outcome of the case.

International complications were deemed sure to arise over the question of diplomatic immunity for U. N. workers. The case also (Continued on Page Five)

Heavy Traffic May Be Kept Off Soft Roads

... Northern Nebraska

"Posting of roads" to prohibit heavy truck traffic during periods when the highways are "soft" will be adopted March 12 by the highway department to protect state highways, it was reported at the state house Saturday.

The department refused to either deny or confirm the report but stated that they are "giving the problem study and getting reports from field engineers."

His S. D. Truckers.

The state legislature refused to take a stand on the issue and called a bill at the request of the introducer, Sen. William Hern, which would have made such action by the department mandatory.

Particularly damaging to Nebraska highways has been heavy traffic in the northern part of the state due to the South Dakota law which limits truck loads after March 1. The Dakota trucks are routed through Nebraska during the closed period.

Highways which it is expected will be posted are No. 20 from No. 81 west to the state line and No. 275 from just west of Norfolk to its junction with No. 20. Also included in the posting plan are north and south roads between No. 20 and the Dakota border and north-south roads in the Alliance section.

Primarily the posting will be for the protection of bituminous road highways although some gravel roads will be included.

Today's Chuckle

A doctor has discovered that a radio is sometimes beneficial in cases of deafness. Likewise, deafness is sometimes beneficial in cases of radio.

Contact.

Swollen River Recedes At Missouri Valley After Inundating City

Dozens Rescued From Housetops As Mayor Declares State Of Emergency

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia.—(AP)—A third of this west Iowa town of 4,000 was flooded and nearly 1,000 persons were homeless Saturday as the result of a March thaw which sent many streams and Boyer river out of banks and claimed one life. (Missouri Valley is across the Missouri river from Blair, Neb.)

While water stood four feet deep in parts of the business district early today it started to recede at mid-morning. Within a few hours it had dropped an estimated eight to ten inches on Erie street, the main business thoroughfare.

Roof High.

The water had been porch and roof high in the west and south central residential districts. Gas service was halted, and, after the water plant became flooded, water service was stopped except for two 10-minute periods during the day.

Only flood victim reported was Gerald Perrin, 10-year-old Denison farm youth, drowned when he fell in while playing on the bank of a swollen creek near Denison Friday.

Nine highways were closed in southwest Iowa where the chief overflows were occurring. Two more bridges went out, one of them on U. S. 34 which is a major midwestern highway.

Streams Rising.

The south-central Iowa flood situation had become stabilized with no important new damage but streams were rising in eastern Iowa.

In Missouri Valley, Red Cross Chairman Cy Varney credited speedy evacuation efforts with averting loss of life.

Water stood four feet deep in parts of the business district. It was porch and roof high in the west and south residential sections.

The water plant was flooded. City water had been turned off.

William Jones, city clerk helping direct flood rescue activities, said there was a reservoir of 360,000 gallons of good water which he would dole out in limited quantities. The water will be turned on for short periods, he said, and will flow through the regular mains.

Mayor Maurice M. Kirlin Friday night declared a state of emergency.

Eight Overcome By Gas.

Eight persons were overcome by gas while doing early morning flood duty. Four of them suffered monoxide poisoning while pumping out the power sub-station.

The other four were overcome by an unknown kind of gas in the water while doing evacuation work.

The Iowa highway patrol brought in oxygen tanks from Council Bluffs. These had to be transferred into town by boat from the south. The gas victims were given oxygen and taken home.

Flood rescue work was being directed from the city hall, which was flanked on two sides by water. Evacuees first brought to the city hall had to be moved again early today when the basement flooded.

A disaster center for refugees then was set up in two churches and a hotel.

Water began moving into the town Friday when the Boyer river broke through a dike east of town. Evacuation work went all night. A number of persons had to be rescued from their porches.

Fire Station Flooded.

Two residential additions south of town were completely flooded and Varney said there were no residents remaining in those areas. Most of the western residential section also had been completely evacuated.

Two blocks of the business district were under water.

The fire station adjoining the city hall was flooded. The fire engines were moved to higher ground.

The Chicago and North Western railroad yards were flooded as were the John Deere and International Harvester installations.

The town was blocked to the south and west where highways 75 and 30 were under water. There was no train service.

Army engineers had five power boats in service. Varney said "If it hadn't been for those boats some people probably would have been drowned."

It is the worst flood in Missouri Valley's history.

Jones said the water was eight feet higher than in any previous flood.

Early today the river appeared to be holding about level.

Church Official.

Mr. Helmsdoerfer was a deacon and official board member of First Christian church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Donald and Clair; two grandchildren, Frederick John and Katherine, all of Lincoln; a sister, Mrs. Mary Kuhlman of Wahoo; two nephews and seven nieces. A son, Alvoide, died in 1929.

Funeral services will be held Monday, 2 p. m., at Helmsdoerfer, Rev. Lowell C. Bryant will officiate. Music will be furnished by Maxine Wood and Van Slonecker. Members of his Sunday school class will serve as pallbearers. Burial will be in Wyuka cemetery.

Carolene Mars Carries Record Load Of 269

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—The giant flying boat Carolene Mars landed here Friday with 269 persons aboard, the greatest number ever carried in any type of aircraft.

The six crew members and 263 navy men being transferred to this area made the flight from San Diego in two hours and 41 minutes.

Many Roads Shut Off By Flood Water

... In Eastern Nebraska

Several highways were closed and miles of gravel road mired by high water in Nebraska Saturday.

According to John McMeekin, state maintenance engineer, the following roads are closed:

No. 77, south of Wahoo, although traffic was proceeding at its own risk. Seven and a half miles south of Lincoln at noon the highway was under water but some traffic was going through.

No. 63—North of Ashland.

No. 15—At the Turkey creek bridge south of Dorchester.

No. 78—South of Guide Rock.

Water was running across the following routes, but traffic was still moving at 9 a. m.:

No. 77—in Sioux City and south of Fremont.

No. 2—Near Dunbar.

No. 275—Between Wisner and Pilger.

Highway No. 31 was reported closed west of Ft. Crook, where Pappion creek was edging out of its banks, he said. At the southwest edge of Schuyler, traffic was slowed by Lost creek flowing over highway No. 15.

State employees were directing traffic Saturday at Fremont and Blair on No. 30. Highway No. 1 was reported impassable at Dodge, Clarkson, Lee and Creston by McMeekin, who said water was coming in from nearby fields.

Meantime, McMeekin said the bottom had literally dropped out of most gravel roads in northeastern Nebraska.

"It may be several weeks before traffic can move on some roads," he related.

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THUNDER IN THE SKIES

Life's Henry Luce scratched his brow and came up with "American Century" as descriptive of our times.

We like it. If it actually defines the amazing age in which we are living, it will mean a more peaceful world, one of greater stability, and surely one of higher intelligence and improved living standards.

It will take a lot of education, which is slow, painful and perceptible at no given moment. Countries still in the colonial stage, or just emerged from it, will have to go through all the stages of nationalism in their new-found freedoms before marching into the broader fields of one world. For them their own good new world will be ample for the time being. It took us a long time to escape from nationalism, and the change is not yet fully complete. In so many lands freedom is so new, and so flimsy in the transformation from colonial status to independence that frequently what started as freedom turns out to be exactly the reverse.

It is this, we are inclined to think, that occupies so much of the world today, especially the Far East. We hear echoes of it every day in the news columns which we do not recognize in that spirit, but write down as the conflict of ideologies of communism and capitalism. It clutches China, French Indo-China, Burma, the Dutch East Indies and many of the other islands in the Far East. It taxes our patience and our understanding, arouses our suspicions and our fears, and at times casts a pall of disillusionment over us that creates a longing for retreat. But we are quite sure that Mr. Luce had a happy inspiration to an American Century, because America very largely is guiding the world today.

Russia looks at it differently. It is not April Fool's Day, but on the opening day of March Pravda presented a picture of the United States people will find difficulty in recognizing. Pravda told Russians of the new price cuts in food and other commodities, painted a dismal picture of life here in America, and closed off in a flourish that "chaos is increasing and the population (of America) is starving."

That was the means of announcing that Premier Stalin had ordered price adjustments affecting 45 items of food. Pravda said the reductions must "inspire greater energy, and more socialist emulation for increased output." Carried to the extreme of course the Kremlin should hoist production to an unprecedented peak by making food free.

There is such a thing as pricing people out of the market. The federal reserve board near week's end took judicial notice of it. Business was slowing down, unemployment was increasing, although the effect of a very severe winter covering much of the United States undoubtedly contributed its very substantial bit in suspending all outside activity. But the federal reserve board relented on its stringent regulations covering consumer credit, thus insuring a vast demand for commodities sorely needed. If any single phrase could describe the action perhaps the observation that the policy of deflation had been ended comes the closest to it.

The lions were roaring, which is to say that southern democrats had made good their threat to filibuster. Democratic senate leader Lucas was seeking help from the other side of the senate

chamber, an appeal of dubious value, inasmuch as republican leaders place the same importance upon free and untrammelled discussion as other members in the democratic membership of the senate. The final answer will come only when the degree of abuse of the filibuster establishes itself. Of short duration the senate could not be expected to do anything about changing its rules. Long drawn-out and protracted the senate might place a curb on debate. A very considerable portion of the public would welcome an end to filibustering.

The Lenten season had opened and ahead was Easter in all of its significance. The spiritual forces in the world came to the surface in every section of the United States. America gave herself over to prayer, a day of prayer but in other sections of the world churches and churchmen found themselves fighting a difficult battle. Churchmen were on trial in Bulgaria, and in Rumania without word to the outside world, the communist state had taken over. The political conflict is not only a political conflict, but a religious crisis.

Over much of the great American plains, and other regions hard hit by winter the feel of spring was in the air to make these opening March days doubly welcome. Accumulated snow and ice disappeared swiftly under a warm sun, but surprisingly the anticipated floods that had been feared had not put in an appearance except in a few isolated instances of small streams and in spots along the unruly Missouri which was carrying a huge volume of water. Apparently the fond hope that the moisture would go in is being realized.

Spring meant the opening of outdoor work, especially in the building trades and out on the farms where the severity of an unprecedented winter had suspended all activity. Immediately ahead was the planting season, and the reopening of home building, both of which were expected to provide a healthy tonic to mounting unemployment, and to check the drop in demands for commodities of all kinds.

The country was uncertain. It could not make up its mind whether its luck had run out, and the going would be tougher from now on. That undercurrent came to the top in congressional discussion, wherever the filibuster now in progress in the senate permitted discussion. More reassuring was the fact that while February unemployment was up, so was employment.

No one has undertaken a reading of Mr. Truman's popularity pulse, a subject which the pollsters themselves probably will shy away from. But whatever may be the present status of the president with the people who cast the ballots there was no mistaking the growing alliance between republicans and a group of southern democrats. It became increasingly apparent that the Dixiecrat representation in the upper chamber held the balance of power snugly in their hands, and if it wanted to join hands with the republicans anything could happen. It was simply a question how far the democratic party of the Deep South cared to go. At the extreme it could block every proposal the White House has made, and in the mounting conflict between executive and legislative it could provide another historic chasm between two coordinate branches of government.

It was Vishinsky for Molotov. To the overwhelming majority of Americans neither represent a bargain. As head of the Russian foreign department, Mr. Molotov smiles so rarely that a picture of him in a jovial mood has become essentially a museum piece. Vishinsky, never opens his mouth except to spout a stream of vitriol.

But at week's-end, the Russians seemed to have a passion for springing surprises either on the closing of a week or the opening day of a new one, it was announced that Vishinsky would replace Molotov, and the world was left to speculate upon the significance of that development. At the same time another key figure in the Kremlin group, A. I. Mikoyan, head of foreign trade, got the boot in favor of M. A. Menshikov. Stalin ushers them in and ushers them out without wasting any words. Molotov slowly had emerged as the probable successor of the aging Russian premier, and possibly he had become all too prominently identified as the fountain of Russian policy. That is bad in the atmosphere of the Kremlin.

More plausible as an explanation of Molotov's demotion is the fact Russia continues to lose face on the European continent, and took a fearful beating in the efforts to nullify the North Atlantic security alliance. London, however, read into Vishinsky's elevation over Molotov an added evidence of a Russian desire for peace. The Moscow radio was heard to say that "Russia wants peace and unswervingly conducts a policy of co-operation among all democratic countries, regardless of their internal social system"—which in any man's language simply is some more window dressing. It will not be too many weeks before that which is back of the Russian switch will become known, because no amount of sleight-of-hand can duck the issues to be settled.

until bureau power is available," Anderson said.

Legislators Guests.

The association will have Gov. Peterson and members of the legislature as its guests at a Monday night banquet, March 7.

The speaker that night will be Claude R. Wickard, REA administrator at Washington.

Nebraska now has 34 rural electrification projects in operation or in course of construction. Last year 10,000 farm homes were connected to power lines of the projects.

On the boards of directors of the projects are nearly 300 farmers, State Manager Paul Marvin said.

Nebraska Republicans in Washington Plan Return Founders' Day

Rep. Karl Stefan (R-Neb.), has announced that Nebraska republicans in Washington are planning to return to their home state for Founders' day, March 29. Rep. Walter H. Judd (R-Minn.), a native of Rising City, Neb., will be the principal speaker.

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Death Bright Angel

By ARCHIE JOSELYN

Chapter 17

Rivers was on deck when Irene appeared. She wasted no time in preliminaries.

"She is a sweet child, Donna Dolores," she said. "And I lied a bit for you—and for her sake!"

"I am deeply grateful," Rivers assured her. "Though where all this is leading—" he shrugged.

"That is what I want to know," she told him. "She is certain that you are Fernando—yet you have known her for a week!"

"Her duenna was along," Rivers reminded.

"I am on your side," she said. "But it is for the sake of this child, with whose affections my brother thought to trifle. I somehow think that you are different from him. But you are much like him in looks—and so, perhaps, in other ways."

"I assure you there has been no trifling on my part where Donna Dolores is concerned. Nor will there be any."

Irene regarded him closely. "Do you mean that you love her?"

"There are times when words do not half express it."

"Have you told her so?"

"With yesterday's visit hanging over me," Rivers said. "I have to offer her? She thinks that I am a Hidalgo of Spain. Instead of a penniless—"

"Pirates?" Irene suggested as he hesitated.

"The word will do as well as any."

"Why should I taunt you, when that is what my own brother is? And with not half the scruples that I somehow believe you possess. I came out here this morning well to ease for myself. I do not want to see her faith shattered—like some others."

"My Lady Irene, if, as your brother's sister, I may have misjudged you, I now humbly crave your pardon," Rivers said.

She frowned at him, biting her lower lip.

"I assure you, sir, that I am as much surprised at myself as anyone can be," she said. "But what's to do? This can't go on forever."

"That's what worries me," Rivers confessed. "But for the present, I think we'd better wait. After what happened last night—well, I intend to take a hand in this game myself."

"We move up river," Rivers said. And calling de Villivrac, gave the order.

"We'll wait no longer for Martinez," he said. "Time presses."

Up river, bottled up by the embargo, was a rich treasure of fur and four, cotton and tobacco, beef and hams and other articles of world-commerce, choking warehouses and rotting on wharfs. Somewhere upriver, too, was Don Fernando planning to profit by this state of affairs.

Well, if there was profit to be made, that was a game which he could play. And if the Spaniard had unwittingly placed in his hands the instrument for action, why should he hesitate to use it? That cold-blooded attempt on his life had cancelled out any obligation.

They were beginning to move, the breeze filling the sails. It would be a glorious day. But de Villivrac approached uneasily.

"There's a French boat signaling us to lay to, sir," he reported.

Rivers turned. A boat equal in size to the Lovely Maria had appeared up river, was cutting across their course as it signaled. Apparently she had been lurking in a backwater, ready for action. One of the pride of Napoleon's fleet. Unless they pulled up, the next thing would be a solid shot across their bow—followed, if necessary, by a broadside.

France and Spain were allies, but it was an uneasy alliance, and the French were touchy. And it was well known that Don Fernando was a man with only the interests of Don Fernando at heart. To head up river into hostile territory was the thing most calculated to arouse suspicion. Don Fernando had probably managed better. While attention centered on the Lovely Maria, he would have run past the city, far out, by night.

If it came to a fight, the Frenchmen might be surprised. But there might very likely be hidden shore-batteries set to guard against a surprise call by the British. In any case, he wanted no battle if it could be avoided, and certainly not with Donna Dolores and Irene on board. He nodded to de Villivrac, and they came about, then an officer signified that he was coming aboard.

The officer, a portly, strutting little man, introduced himself as Monsieur Henri Bonneville. Scarcely bothering to observe the amenities, he brusquely demanded what was meant by heading up river without permission.

Rivers listened with growing distaste. These libertarians, who bathed in blood and were now turning more reactionary than even the bourbon had been, had killed his father, made him an outcast, confiscated his estates. Never before had he been in such an excellent position to answer them as they deserved. He shrugged blandly.

"Are you not over-zealous, Monsieur?" he inquired courteously. "Is it, then, that one anchorage is different from another?"

Bonneville's red face grew mottled.

"To move at all, you should have permission," he spluttered. "Yesterday you should have reported to the authorities, which you did not do. I should place you under arrest!"

(To be continued)

Non-Partisan County Office Measure Dies

Would Have Taken Officers Out Of Party Politics

A bill that would extend to county government the nomination and election of officers on a non-partisan ballot was killed by the legislative committee on government after hearings Friday.

LB 475, introduced by Sen. Charles F. Tvrdek, Omaha, also would have provided for the election of all county officers, with the exception of the county judge for a term of six years. As written the bill would have applied to only Douglas county.

No opposition to the bill appeared at the hearing and the introducer was the only person who spoke in favor of the measure.

Two salary increase bills, LB 461 and 482 were held over by the committee for consideration with other such bills pending.

Salary Bills Held.

LB 461, as written, would increase the salaries of members of county boards from the present \$5 a day to \$7.50 a day, and would up the maximum to be paid these officials 50 per cent in all classes of counties. The bill also provides that the mileage allowance for county board members be raised from five to six cents a mile.

LB 482 would increase the salary of the chief clerk in the Douglas county attorney's office from \$2,700 to \$3,200 a year. The bill was introduced by Sen. John Adams, sr., Omaha.

The measure dealing with the county board salary increase was supported at the hearing by H. B. Holmberg, Shelton; John Forsythe of Knox county; Charles Marshall, president of the Farm Bureau; Carl Fleming of Platte county, and Sen. N. F. Schroeder of Wayne county.

The only opposition to the bill was voiced by J. M. Frazer, Utica, who told the committee the members of a co-operative at Utica had passed a resolution opposing the salary increase.

Youth Denies Guilt In May Slayings

The confessed lover of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. May, II, claimed Friday he was not guilty of the murders.

Charles Edward McClelland, 20-year-old penitentiary life-termer, asserted his innocence in a letter to Attorney General James H. Anderson.

Anderson said McClelland wrote him that the story was too long to relate in a letter, and asked for a personal interview.

The attorney general indicated, however, he doesn't think he will investigate the matter in view of McClelland's guilty plea, his many conflicting stories, and the thorough investigation of the case made by Omaha authorities.

McClelland had pleaded guilty to second degree murder in connection with the August, 1947, slaying, and received a life sentence.

JUST FOLKS

By EDGAR A. GUEST

FUN

Fun follows when the work of day is done.

Not with the rise, but with the set of sun.

Fun is the sweet reward that is returned.

To be enjoyed when it is truly earned.

Fun is the second motive, not the first.

Who thinks it best may live to find it worst.

Who through the years takes pleasure for his guide.

Misses the way to peace of mind and pride.

Work is the leader! When the tasks are done.

They set us free to rest and turn to fun.

Oh, son of mine, remember and be wise!

Till in life's purpose, fun is just the end.

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Appropriation To 3 Schools Is Said Legal

In Attorney General Ruling On LB 210

The attorney general's office Friday, after attaching several "ifs" and quoting numerous cases, ruled that the legislature "is not forbidden" to enact a bill appropriating \$110,000 for the assistance of three particular school districts.

The bill in question, LB 210, is being held by the committee on miscellaneous appropriations awaiting the attorney general's opinion.

Walter E. Nolte, assistant attorney general, in the opinion stated, "We can advise you only that if the conditions surrounding the particular three school districts provided for in LB 210 are such as would render wholly inapplicable and useless the general laws relating to weak districts; and if the condition of such districts is so unique that general legislation would be so complicated as to be unfeasible, it is the opinion of this office that the enactment of the bill by the legislature is not forbidden."

Caution Added.

He also quoted the state constitution as forbidding the legislature to enact any special laws relating to certain enumerated cases and also providing "To other cases where a general law can be made applicable no special law shall be enacted."

Nolte warned, however, "You are cautioned that the matter is not without serious doubt. It is believed, however, that if the districts present conditions of need or emergency sufficient to bring them clearly without the probability of being handled by general law, the legislature's enactment of a special appropriation to them should be sustained."

Two of the districts concerned are in Douglas county and one in Sarpy county.

Move To Adjourn Disrupts Quiet Of Legislature

The routine quiet of the legislature due to the absence of 16 members out on a budget committee trip, was broken Friday when a move was made to suspend the rules and adjourn until 10 a. m. Monday.

This action requires 29 votes and is customary on Monday, rather than the regular Tuesday, starting time, to permit members to spend the week-end at home. Friday some members started to leave with reading of routine reports. It was necessary to have a call of the house to muster the needed votes.

During the morning session, 11 bills were read and advanced on general file and six advanced on select file.

Select File.

On select file, LB 211, provides for employing Omaha school officials before April 1. LB 235, provides for a review of real estate commission orders; LB 33, relates to estates; LB 348, permits the board of control to regulate "good time" in prisons; LB 361, makes uniform the law on enforcement of judgments and LB 397, permits official access to names drawn for jury service.

On general file LB 278 to make uniform the law on trust receipts was advanced as were LB 376, increasing the discount for stamping claims; LB 364, removing mutation wild life from protection of game laws; LB 456, regulation labels on feeds; LB 147, providing for acting county judges.

LB 188 provides for distribution of federal estate taxes. LB 329 would put condemnation awards in the general fund. LB 303 brings tourist camps under hotel regulations. LB 304 permits the board of control to contract for tubercular patients in county hospitals.

The Lancaster county board is authorized to employ one additional deputy county attorney under LB 484 and LB 316 to increase the date for licensing the sale of anti-freeze.

Man's Curiosity Costs Him \$50

Curiosity cost Marvin Ketelhut, 34-year-old Walton farmer, \$50 and costs in Municipal court Friday.

Facing charges of "injuring and destroying the property of another and disturbing the peace" Ketelhut entered a plea of guilty to both charges and Judge Edward C. Fisher assessed a fine of \$25 on each charge.

The complaint was filed with the city Friday by the manager of a local hotel who charged that the defendant had bored a hole into the door of a hotel room.

The defendant's only defense was, "I heard voices in the room and I was just curious." Judge Fisher's reply when he imposed the fine was, "Pretty expensive curiosity!"

Postal Receipts Continue Climb

Postal receipts at the Lincoln postoffice followed the usual trend for the month of February, showing an increase of \$7,617.76 over February of 1948. Receipts last month totaled \$136,817.85 compared to \$129,200.09 a year ago.

Postal savings also followed the trend set in recent months, by dropping slightly. There were 6,309 accounts open at the end of February, compared to 6,690 a year ago. Total deposits dropped from \$6,573,371 a year ago to \$6,281,255.

In other categories, the post office's monthly report showed slight increases in sale and receipt of money orders and postal notes and a slight increase in number and value of United States bonds sold.

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JOURNALISM STUDENT IS TYPICAL COED—Betty Green, daughter of Mrs. Carl R. Green, 2314 Holdrege, was selected the University of Nebraska typical coed during the annual Coed Follies program Tuesday night. Sophomore in the arts and sciences college, she is majoring in journalism. She is pictured working out a photographic chemical formula in the pictorial laboratories at Burnett hall, on the campus. (Staff Photo.)

Bill For Merger Of Public Power Districts Is Delayed

... Groups Could Generate Own Electricity

Two gigantic power groups, both federally sponsored, competing for the supplying of Nebraska with electrical energy, were pictured as a future possibility Friday at hearings on LB 419 before the public works committee of the legislature.

Action on the bill was laid over by the committee. There was no opposition to the bill.

Can't Fight Customer.

"You can't fight with your best customer," Harold Kramer, Columbus, representing the Loup River Public Power district, explained. Without opposing the bill he outlined plans for the future development of the hydro network and auxiliary steam plants.

Considerable confusion existed at the start of the hearing as Senators Harry F. Burnham and Frank Nelson, introducers of the bill, were unwilling to attempt its explanation, need and effects.

C. A. Sorensen, Lincoln attorney representing REA districts, finally made the presentation. Paul Marvin, secretary of the state REA association; H. D. Miller, Syracuse, and Frank Hamout, Broken Bow, also spoke in behalf of the bill.

The bill provides that five or more public power districts may by action of their directors band together for the generation of electricity by water power or other means.

In arguing in behalf of the bill Sorensen pointed out that last year there was a rationing of electrical energy by the present suppliers—the hydro districts. He said additional rural districts would not be authorized for federal funds unless able to show that a sufficient supply of electricity was available.

Backed By REA.

Insurance of sufficient supply by building standby plants was termed necessary for protection of the districts by Sorensen. He told of the \$75,000,000 in loans the districts have obtained from the federal government for building distributing systems to farmers and about 77,000 farm homes are now being served with 30,000 additional that seek electrical energy.

Sorensen insisted the hydro districts in their future planning are not fully considering the demand for energy that will come from the rural districts. He estimated that from 30 to 70 per cent more power will be sought than is estimated by hydro engineers.

While giving the committee no actual figures, Sorensen said a report would be made next week at the annual meeting of the rural association by their engineers showing the demand far in excess of hydro estimates.

Kramer, while pointing out that he was not opposing the bill, said that it had generally been accepted as state policy that the hydro districts would be the sole public generating agency. He pointed out that they do not engage in distribution.

He called attention to the fact that Consumers is the distributing agency to most cities and that to those with their own local distribution system Consumers provides energy for them. The hydro districts likewise provide energy for the rural districts.

It was explained by Kramer that passage of the bill would make possible the operation of a competing generating setup and the further fact that REA funds

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Saturday

A special radio program featuring a panel discussion will be presented by the Lincoln Council of Parents and Teachers at 4:30 o'clock next Thursday afternoon over KOLN. Among the council members participating in the discussion will be Mrs. L. W. Boyde, council president, Mrs. A. E. Hanneman, legislative chairman, and Mrs. A. L. Sinamark, chairman of the audio-visual committee.

Health chairman of all local P.T.A. units will meet for their regular monthly session at 10 o'clock, Thursday morning, at the Y.W.C.A. Dr. Fred Long of the city-county health department, assisted by members of his staff, will discuss the work of the department.

Mrs. Walter Gloe, 1701 South Twenty-sixth street, will be hostess on Tuesday to the Send Out Sunshine club workers. The meeting will begin at 2 o'clock.

Members of Sorosis will meet at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, at the Y.W.C.A., with Mrs. Lin-

coln Frost as hostess. The program will be under the direction of Mrs. Fernand Ivaldy.

The March meeting of the Bethany Woman's club will be held at 2 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. E. A. Wing, 1139 North Sixty-seventh street. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. M. L. Quinn, Mrs. Harold Lease and Mrs. John Fennemacher.

Children of the members will be cared for at the home of Mrs. David Wing, 1101 North Sixty-seventh street.

The Mothers club of Willard sorority on the Nebraska Wesleyan university campus met Friday afternoon at the chapter house for the annual election of officers.

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Rokeby School Votes To Drop High School

The Rokeby school district has voted to discontinue high school following the present school year. The announcement was made following a special meeting last week.

The district will thus revert to a common school district, maintaining the first eight grades. The high school has been maintained since 1918.

The reason given for the action was the lack of high school students. Fifteen students are now enrolled in high school. Two are seniors.

There were only two dissenting votes on the proposal to discontinue high school.

Eighth grade graduates at Rokeby will now be eligible to free tuition to any high school in the county. Rokeby is eight miles south of Lincoln.



CAROL JEAN HEMINGSEN

Announcement is made today by Mr. and Mrs. H. Hemingsen of Auburn of the engagement of their daughter, Carol Jean, to Dean Edwin Arter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arter of Lincoln.

An early June wedding is planned.

Miss Hemingsen is a graduate of William Woods college, Fulton, Mo., and also was graduated from the University of Nebraska where she is a member of Alpha Phi sorority, and Phi Beta, national music sorority.

Mr. Arter, a student in the University of Nebraska school of architecture, is a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

The engagement was announced at a luncheon at the University club on Saturday for which the bride-elect's mother was hostess.

Marriage Is Announced

Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Frey of the marriage of their niece, Miss Dorothy Frey, to Burkett W. Brown, son of Mrs. E. W. Brown and the late Mr. Brown, on Saturday, February 26, at Sidney, Iowa. The lines of the service were read by the Rev. M. Marazahn in the parsonage of the Sidney Methodist church.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Winona Barnett of Lincoln, and Lawrence Luther, also of Lincoln, served Mr. Brown as best man.

The couple are residing in Lincoln.

Heiliger's Suit To Trial Monday

The \$35,000 libel suit filed by H. P. Heiliger, former state senator, against the Lincoln State Journal and Raymond J. McConnell, jr., editor, is set for trial Monday morning in District court.

The case will be heard by District Judge J. H. Broady.

Heiliger, who was a candidate for re-election as state legislator from the 18th district, filed the suit a few days following his defeat in the Nov. 2 election.

Dismissal Motion Overruled.

He charged that he had been "brought into public ridicule and contempt" because of a "Voters' Guide" editorial statement published in the Journal. He further charged the "estimate" to be libelous, false and defamatory.

In an answer filed in District court Feb. 17, the defendants asked for dismissal on grounds of "fair comment upon the record and candidacy of the plaintiff for such public office." The motion was overruled.

Birth Announcements

LINCOLN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

M. and Mrs. JOHN WALLACE, Husker, a son, on Friday, March 4.

M. and Mrs. GRAHAM JONES, 719 K street, a daughter, on Friday, March 4.

M. and Mrs. KEITH GILMORE, Ashland, a son, on Friday, March 4.

M. and Mrs. WILLIAM BUTZ, 1025 K street, a daughter, on Friday, March 4.

BRYAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

M. and Mrs. CHARLES WENZ, 1024 South Ninth street, a daughter, on Friday, March 4.

ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

M. and Mrs. FRANK TOOMEY, 1212 K street, a daughter, on Friday, March 4.

Governor Signs 9 More Bills

Gov. Val Peterson today signed nine more legislative bills into law.

Among them was LB 136 which provides that federal funds received from the leasing of lands for flood control purposes shall go to the county in which the land is located for the benefit of public schools and roads.

Other bills signed today:

LB 37—Providing that a domestic insurance company with \$250,000 paid up capital and at least 25 per cent surplus may transact any kind of insurance as the law authorizes a single stock company to do.

LB 28—Providing additional kinds of insurance that may be embraced in one policy.

LB 102—Redefining the crime of harboring or concealing children; raising age limit from 16 to 18 years.

LB 131—Providing that the department of insurance may adopt rules and regulations for renewal or extension of insurance company's license.

LB 142—Eliminating from license applications of insurance salesmen the statement that wanted children of an insurance company has been paid back.

LB 143—Empowering county board to vacate, relocate, lay out or alter any public road within or adjacent to a flood control project.

LB 144—Authorizing state auditor to fix the pay of accountants in his office; removing present limitations of \$3,000 for accountants and \$2,400 for assistant accountants.

LB 145—Changing dates for certain acts relating to taxation of car companies.

MAIN FEATURES START

STUART: "Chicken Every Sunday," 1:28, 3:30, 5:31, 7:33, 9:35.

LINCOLN: "Don Juan," 1:00, 3:00, 5:07, 7:15, 9:24.

NEBRASKA: "Anna Karenina," 1:07, 4:36, 8:05, "Isn't It Romantic," 3:02, 6:31, 10:00.

CAPITOL: "Sea Spoilers," 2:48, 5:33, 8:20, "Pardon My Sorrow," 1:21, 4:06, 6:51, 9:36.

STATE: "Wake of the Red Witch," 1:09, 3:12, 5:15, 7:18, 9:24.

VARSITY: "Trouble Makers," 1:19, 3:54, 6:31, 9:06, "Grand Canyon Trail," 2:28, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15.

HUSKER: "Lost Honeycomb," 1:00, 3:42, 6:24, 9:06, "The Tioga Kid," 2:09, 4:51, 7:33, 10:15.

JOYO: "Luxury Liner," 1:00, 3:55, 6:50, 9:45, "Singing Spurs," 2:38, 5:33, 8:28, 11:23.



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THINGS

... we haven't already told

IF YOU HAVE THUMBED through your Life magazine for the current week, you probably stopped to read, or at least look at the pictures of the Gary Cooper family and their house at Aspen, Colo. Just to show you what a small world it really is, you'll find that house, done in oil, hanging in the exhibit of the Nebraska Art association which opens Sunday at Morrill hall. The painting is the work of a Lincoln artist, Ted Butterfield—and we think it will attract attention even without the Gary Cooper connection—Anyway, Mr. Butterfield saw considerable of Mr. Cooper and his family while painting in Aspen.

HOME AGAIN ARE Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Finkle who have just returned from a month's vacation in Mexico.

ARRIVING ON SUNDAY from Cleveland, O., will be Mrs. Allen Austin who is to remain until mid-week as the house guest of Mrs. Walter J. Gardner. Mrs. Austin is making the trip to say goodbye to Mrs. Gardner before the latter leaves for Japan.

Luncheon of C of C Women

The regular monthly luncheon of the chamber of commerce women's division was held Saturday noon at the chamber with sixty-five members attending. Miss Adelheid Miller presided at the speaker's table, which was arranged in the spring motif, and introduced the guest speaker, Ray Ramsey.

Miss Miller also introduced Miss Mary Jo Latsch, first vice president; Miss Margaret Collins, second vice president; and members of the tour committee, Mrs. Doris Pierce, Miss Virginia Kenyon and Miss Beda Ullstrom.

A program of music was presented by Miss Betty Cross, and in charge of luncheon arrangements was Miss Eleanor Linn.

Pre-Nuptial Courtesy

Honoring Miss Marilyn Rogers, who will become the bride of Ernest Dietze on Sunday, March 5, Mrs. Herbert Hill, Miss Ellen Dietze and Miss Annaliese Dietze entertained last Tuesday at a grocery shower. Twenty guests were invited for an informal evening, and refreshments were served at a table appointed in the rainbow motif.

We Hear That—

A son, Steven William, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Speidel, jr., on Thursday, February 24, at Bryan Memorial hospital. Mrs. Speidel is the former Phyllis Sapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Sapp.

Arriving this afternoon by plane to be the week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerhard, 2508 Washington, was Donal W. Gerhard who is en route from Charleston, W. Va., to Kansas City, Mo., where he will reside.

Mr. Gerhard, a former student of the University of Nebraska, will share honors this evening at a dinner for which his parents will be host and hostess at their home. Other guests will include Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Doyle and family, and Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly and family.

Reception For Bridal Couple

In post-nuptial courtesy to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lynn Sinton, whose marriage was solemnized on Sunday, February 13, at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City, Mrs. E. P. Sinton will entertain at a reception, Sunday afternoon, at her home.

Members of the family and friends are invited to call between the hours of 4 o'clock and 6 o'clock, without further invitation.

Mr. Sinton and his bride will make their home in Lincoln.

State Dairymen Hear Plans For Butter Campaign

Dairymen attending the closing session of their industry conference Friday at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture campus were told their interests will be protected in the oleo-butter scrap.

Owen Richards, Chicago, general manager of the American Dairy association, outlined the recent campaign plan started by the association to stimulate the use of butter through research and advertising program for butter. He said 40 states, representing 90 per cent of the nation's milk production, have signed up for the campaign.

The 5,000,000 dairy farmers in the nation and the dairy industry, he said, are in "complete agreement" that taxes should be lifted on oleomargarine. But, he declared, the public should be protected against possibilities of fraud by safeguarding the natural color of butter. Objective of the campaign, he said, is to increase the per capita consumption of butter to prewar levels—17 pounds. He said "the lost market" came during OPA and wartime shortages.

Plaque To Dr. Lambert

One of the highlights of Friday's session was the presentation of the Nebraska Butter institute's memorial plaque to Dr. W. V. Lambert, dean of the agricultural college. The plaque was presented in honor of the late Edgar Frank Howe, pioneer in the creamery business at Omaha, by Frank Griffith, institute president.

The national quality cream program started by the American Butter institute was outlined by Glenn H. Anderson, Chicago, chairman of the organization's quality cream committee. The quality program for butter and cheese was outlined by Prof. W. H. E. Reid of the University of Missouri. An election of new institute officers was to be held Friday afternoon.

All officers of the American Dairy association of Nebraska were re-elected. They are Dale Stuart, Madison, president; Oral Rasmussen, Lincoln, vice-president; and L. V. Crowe, Lincoln, secretary-treasurer.

Bequeaths Part Of Estate For County Road Improvement

The usual terms of the will of Jesse L. Betzer provides, among other things, that the county board is bequeathed funds to improve farm roads in the vicinity of Benet. The will was filed for probate in County court.

The will leaves his brother, William C. Betzer, a life interest in the estate. The Benet Community church and the Benet Cemetery association are each bequeathed \$500. The residue of the funds on hand and owing the estate goes to the Lincoln chapter of the Red Cross.

The residue of all property, after the 65-year-old brother's death, goes to the county for road improvement.



MEETING MRS. WILLIAM HAROLD HUTCHINSON (right) of Seattle, Wash., national president of Alpha Phi sorority, as she stepped from the train Friday morning were Mrs. James Critchfield (left), and Mrs. George Eager.

Mrs. Hutchinson was the honored guest at a tea on Friday afternoon when the alumnae members of the sorority entertained at the chapter house, and today the members of the Alpha Phi advisory board, and the Alpha Phi Building corporation, were hostesses.

Pender Student And Lincoln Coed Named N.U. King, Queen

Dorothy Borgens, 20-year-old Lincoln junior, and Harlan Powley, 27, senior from Pender, were crowned queen and king of the annual junior-senior prom at the University of Nebraska coliseum Friday night.

They were selected from a group of 12 finalists by electric applause meter recordings of audience reaction as each candidate was introduced.

Miss Borgens, daughter of Mrs. Mary Borgens, 1821 South Ninth, is enrolled in the Teachers college. Powley, member of the varsity baseball team, is a business administration major.

Other finalists acted as court attendants at the coronation. They were:

Sue Blackland, Wakefield; Charles Henningsen, Auburn; Janet Stratton, Grand Island; Robert Kenner, Alameda, Calif.; Grace Nielsen, Omaha; Charles Peters, Fremont; Charlene Holcomb, Broken Bow; Harvey Davis, Omaha; Dorothy Travis, Omaha; Winton Buckley, York.

A capacity crowd of approximately 1,000 couples thronged the coliseum.

County Fair Bill Is Sent To Governor

Some counties may be able to spend more on their county fairs under LB 299 passed by the legislature Thursday, State Auditor Ray Johnson said.

He said the bill would effect those counties where the valuation is high enough and which are not already levying up to the five-mill overall limit provided by the constitution.

LB 299 raised the dollar-ceiling on the amount that could be raised in counties under 60,000 population for county fair purposes from \$4,000 to \$7,000.

The total levy for this purpose cannot exceed one-half mill, however, and if the county already is levying the full five mills for all purposes, LB 299 will be of no benefit, Johnson explained.

The only possibility would be that the county might trim other items in the budget to allow it to levy more for the county fair, within the half-mill limit.

Most counties have not been levying the full half mill for county fair purposes, anyhow, and should be able to spend more for that purpose with the higher dollar-ceiling, he indicated.

The bill did not change the mill-limit for county fair purposes. Counties may levy that part of a quarter-mill which is necessary to raise \$2,000, plus that part of an additional quarter-mill needed to raise \$5,000 for premiums and improvements.

The dollar-ceiling on Douglas county for fair purposes is \$7,500, and on Lancaster county, \$3,000.

Navy Men Discuss College Reserve Plan

Lincoln naval reserve officers met Thursday noon at the chamber of commerce to discuss the new navy program for commissioning of college students.

College students between the ages of 17 and 25 who wish to join the navy organized reserve while in college will be eligible for commissions in the navy upon graduation from college, though they do not study naval work in school, according to Capt. Dan Stubbs, commander of the navy organized reserves here.

To Chicago Meeting

B. E. Ogden, president of the Lincoln Family Service association and Ben Hayenga, general secretary, are attending a one-day conference of family service board members and executives in Chicago Saturday.

Methods of handling case work, education and community leadership problems will comprise conference discussions.

The conference is sponsored by the regional committee of the Family Service association of America. Frank J. Hertel, general director from New York City, will deliver the main address.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 12—MARCELLINO

Huskies Meet Sooners Tonight For Big 7 Title

NU VICTORY WOULD GIVE SOLO CROWN; SELLOUT CROWD EXPECTED

By Norris Anderson
(Sports Editor, The Star)

If ever a basketball hump-dumpty sat on a wall, it's the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Tonight at 7:30 at the coliseum, Coach Harry Good's wards face the charmed Oklahoma Sooners for a whack at the school's first undisputed Big Seven championship since 1916.

To appropriate a time-worn phrase: "This is it!"

A Nebraska victory would assure the Huskers of undisputed possession of the title, lowering the Sooners further into second place.

Should the Sooners triumph, the title will be shared by tonight's contestants—if the Huskers can slip by Missouri at Columbia Monday.

Maestro Good, calm before the storm, is quietly hoping that his wards rebound sharply from the 53-28 pasting they took from Kansas State Tuesday.

"Every boy must reach his peak," said the maestro. "Oklahoma is always equally as tough at the coliseum as in Norman." Coach Bruce Drake's single post attack edged the Scarlet 47-45, earlier in the campaign at Norman.

All advance cards were dealt in slight favoritism to the Sooners.

Drake's dead-eyes feature a versatile five-point scoring offense that is likely to loom on a par with any individual unit.

Nebraska, meanwhile, draws from a savage spirit and a two-way scoring consistency in Claude Retherford and Center Bus Whitehead.

Senior Retherford, unorthodox holster-shooting Hoosier, is the basic mechanism of the Husker machinery. His play-setting, spark and scoring punch (Big Seven

leader and Nebraska school record-holder) have etched his name into Cornhusker cage immortality.

Retherford, Rod Cox and Kenry Anderson, sub guard, will be playing their last home game. They are the Huskers' only seniors.

Whitehead, 6-foot 9-inch Scotts-bluff junior, is the second-ranking scorer in the conference, although Kansas State dealt him a distressing zero from the field. His height tonight will not be matched by Bill Waters, the 6-5 Sooner pivot, but Brother Waters packs 230 pounds compared to Bus' lean 190.

WATERS, THE GENERAL. Oklahoma's attack revolves around Waters and the single post. The burly pivot is augmented by two of the top forwards in the league in senior Paul Courtney, whose fade-away one-handers always slip migrate to the foe, and Wayne Glasgow, rugged junior college transfer who ranks third in league scoring.

Two of the greatest long-distance shots in captivity, Ken Pryor and Bus Whitehead, Paul Merchant, harricade from the rear court. These middle-size speed merchants, for three years, have always been menaces to the Huskers.

A preliminary game between York College and Nebraska B at 5:45 p. m. opens the program. The "sold out" sign has been out for days. Business Manager A. J. Lewandowski announced that

Huskies Won Title Last Time In 1916

If Nebraska takes the Big Seven basketball crown this season it will be the first time a Cornhusker squad has held undisputed since the pre-presidency days of crackerbox courts in the old Missouri Valley circuit.

Sam Waugh, president of the Lincoln Trust company, coached the first championship team through the 1916 conference schedule undefeated.

The squad roster included Captain Ed Hugg, Lincoln businessman; Dick Rutherford, Ralph Thiesen, Heinie Campbell, Harvey Nelson, Jim Gardner, Ted Riddell, and Paul Shields.

The final and crucial game in 1916 was with Iowa State on the Cyclone floor. A 29-17 win gave Nebraska the title.

no standing room ducats would be sold.

Probable lineups:
NEBRASKA Pos. OKLAHOMA
Cox (6-3) F. Courtney (6-3) F.
Whitehead (6-9) C. Waters (6-5) C.
Retherford (6-2) G. Pryor (6-2) G.
Anderson (5-10) G. Merchant (5-10) G.
Official: Dick Pulliam, Grand Island and Ronald Gibbs, St. Thomas.

Tutors Hit Schuyler

By Bob Berkshire
(Star Sports Staff Member)

Teachers High defeated Schuyler 42-20, Friday afternoon at the University of Nebraska Physical Education gymnasium.

The game ended the Tutors' regular season. Next week, however, Dale Snook's boys will bid in the Class B district tournament.

TUTORS LEAD. Securing the lead during the first period, the Tutors were never headed and maintained about twice the score of their rivals throughout the contest.

Godfrey Machal drew first blood for Schuyler, sinking a long pivot shot. Free throws by Dean Severns and Bob Mercier tied up the game.

A basket by Stan Kaitenberg put the Tutors ahead, 4-2, but another basket after four minutes of play by Machal tied up the game again.

SAME PACE. Then two baskets and two free throws by dependable Guard Bob Mercier gave the Tutors a healthy lead. At the quarter Teachers High led 12-6.

The game proceeded at approximately the same pace for the next three periods. The Tutors led 22-12 at the half and 33-17 at the end of the third stanza.

Stan Kaitenberg and Dan Severns tied for 13 points each on the Tutors side with 13 points each.

Tutor Guard Bob Mercier was content to shoot baskets, all of them scored in the first half.

Bill Toehrs and Godfrey Machal's six points were good enough to tie for top scoring today as the Schuyler side Jack Schmid followed with five points.

Teacher (12), Schuyler (20).
McKay f. 0 0 1 Tucker f. 3 0 3
Duttenber f. 0 0 1 Flynn f. 0 0 0
Kramer f. 0 0 1 Machal f. 3 0 3
MacKay f. 0 0 1 Skarda f. 0 0 1
Kaitenberg f. 0 0 1 Skarda f. 0 0 1
Johnson f. 0 0 1 Skarda f. 0 0 1
Mercier f. 3 4 2 Schmid f. 3 1 3
Mercier f. 3 4 2 Schmid f. 3 1 3
Severns f. 6 1 3 Zeleny f. 0 0 1
Tubbs f. 0 0 1 Vitters f. 0 0 1
Nelson f. 0 0 1

Totals 17 8 18 Totals 7 6 14
Score by quarters: 12 22 33 42
Schuyler 6 12 17 20

University Boxing Show Starts Monday
Eighteen bouts have been scheduled for the first round of the University of Nebraska intramural boxing tournament Monday night at the coliseum at 7:30.

Second round bouts will be held Tuesday, with finals set for Thursday. Tickets are on sale at Room 102 in the Physical Education building.

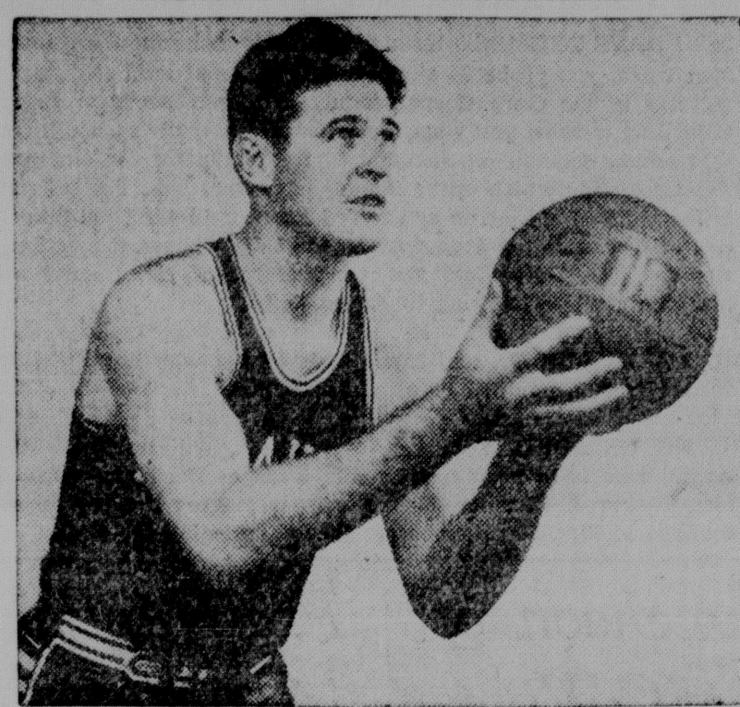
Hi Basketball
North Platte 48, Holdrege 38.
Scottsbluff 49, Alliance 36.
Omaha Tech 48, Omaha Benson 42.
Seward 44, Crete 22.
Kimball 42, Bridgeport 39.
Middletown 41, Alliance 32.
Allamore 41, Bayard 32.
Aurora 44, Geneva 36.
Albion 43, Davis City 22.
Lincoln Northeast 38, Boys Town 27.
Loup City 37, Sutton 22.

Trans-Nebraska Conference Playoff.
Lincoln Teachers 42, Schuyler 20.
Falls City 42, Pawnee City 22.

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SOUTHPAW LEADER—Paul Courtney will play a major role in Oklahoma's attempt to halt Nebraska tonight in Big Seven play. The veteran forward has been a standout for the Sooners all season and rates consideration on all-conference teams. His left-handed fadeaway shot makes him a problem for opposing guards.

Defending Kings Win District Titles

... IN C, D CAGE PLAY

(By the Associated Press)

Thirteen Class C and 12 Class D Nebraska district high school basketball champs were picked Friday night. The rest will be decided at 16 Class D and three Class C sites Saturday night.

Heading the list of district winners are Wakefield and Weston, 1948 state champions in Class C and D respectively.

Waverly, last year's runnerup in Class C, was also a district winner, as was Friend, a semi-finalist in the state meet. Valley, also a semi-finalist in 1948, fell by the wayside Friday night. Bellevue edged the Valley boys 34-33 in a district semi-final thriller at Fremont.

In Class D, Hildreth, last year's state runnerup, and Hampton, a semi-finalist in the same state tournament, were both district winners. But Douglas, another semi-finalist, was dropped by Courtland in the Panama district meet Wednesday night. Cortland was edged Thursday night.

St. Cecilia of Hastings, which was knocked out of the Catholic tourney, survived the district meet at Clay Center. The Hastings boys won 41 to 35 from Clay Center.

The only overtime game Friday night was a hang-up contest at Shickley which Glenview won from Tobias 57 to 54.

After muddy roads had caused two postponements of the Class D meet at Primrose, tourney heads shifted the meet site to Sutherland and the tourney finally got underway Friday night.

The complete list of Class C district winners, decided Friday night, includes: Chadron Prep, Arabach, Chapell, Ansley, Genoa, West Point, Kewa Paha, Holy Trinity, Gibson, St. Cecilia (Hastings), Waverly, Friend, Wakefield.

HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS.
CLASS C.
At Sheldon, Finals.
Gibson, 28, Roseland, 27.
At O'Neill, Finals.
Genoa, 28, Roseland, 27.
At Wymore, Semi-Finals.
Adams, 62, Diller, 38.
Humboldt, 21, Roseland, 22.
At Wausa, Finals.
Holy Trinity, 31, Roseland, 40.
At Nelis, Finals.
Gibson, 36, Roseland, 19.
At Kearney, Finals.
Berkman, 46, Culbertson, 29.
Cambridge, 51, Indianola, 28.
At Lincoln, Finals.
Chapell, 38, Grant, 35.
At Wakefield, Finals.
Wakefield, 48, Lincoln, 38.
At Ravenna, Finals.
Ansley, 61, Ravenna, 38.
At Fremont, Semi-Finals.
Underwood, 46, Elkhorn, 38.
Bellevue, 34, Valley, 31.

CLASS D.
At Litchfield, Semi-Finals.
Ashland, 27, Overton, 38.
Litchfield, 32, Cairo, 36.
At Eagle, Finals.
Garland, 49, Palmer, 22.
At Brainerd, Finals.
Ulysses, 44, Assumption, 22.
At Birchard, Semi-Finals.
Clatsop, 41, Elk Creek, 40.
Holmesville, 42, Birchard, 31.
At Spalding, First Round.
(Transferred from Primrose.)
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Utah Accepts Tournery Bid
NEW YORK.—(AP)—Utah was invited and has accepted a bid to play in the National Invitation Basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden March 12, 14, 17 and 19.

Utah is the fifth team named for the tournament, with three more to be announced. The Utes were eliminated by Kentucky in the 1944 invitation tourney, but in 1947 defeated the Kentuckians in the finals.

Kentucky, St. Louis, Western Kentucky and Bradley already have accepted invitations to play this year.

Pentathlon, Numeral Cards Due For Preps
Home course pentathlon and numeral cards will go out next week to Nebraska high schools, Coach Ed Weir announced.

In 1948, there were 999 numeral cards awarded to athletes in 199 high schools. This was an all-time record.

In the pentathlon competition in 1948, Dean Brittenham of Brady was the individual champion. Hastings won the team award.

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Northeast '5' Wins Last Game

Rockets Spurt To Beat Boys Town, 38-27

(Special To The Star)

Boys Town, Neb., — Northeast closed its regular basketball schedule Friday night with a 38-27 victory over Boys Town here.

The Rockets used a second half rally to pull away from the West Dodge club. At the half Northeast held a slim 17-16 margin.

WILLOUGHBY SPARKS. Little Scottie Willoughby, 5-9 forward, sparked the winners with 14 points on six field goals and two free throws. He got help in the second half from Paul Fredstrom who finished the game with seven points.

Boys Town could not keep pace during the third quarter, trailing 27-22 after the third eight minutes. Three buckets by Willoughby hoisted Northeast to the front in that quarter.

SEE-SAW HALF. During the first half the lead changed hands eight times. Northeast hit a slump during the second period and could score only once from the field. The Rockets led 10-9 going into the second quarter, but scored five free throws to hold the one-point lead.

Lanky Norvell Fredstrom led Boys Town with six points. The win gave Northeast a record of 13 wins and three losses for the season. Boys Town's season included 16 wins and nine defeats. Both teams turn to Class A regional tournaments next week.

In the reserve game the Boys Town frosh lost to the Manning, Ia., frosh 32-24.

HOW THEY SCORED
Northeast (38) Boys Town (27)
Butler, f. 1 5 5 Dillins, f. 1 0 1
Fred, f. 0 0 0 Kizmas, f. 0 0 0
Willoughby, f. 6 2 2 Williams, f. 3 3 3
Seng, f. 0 0 0 Green, f. 0 0 0
Kreps, c. 1 0 1 Freeman, c. 3 0 4
Class, c. 0 0 0 Rose, c. 0 2 1
Stalling, c. 1 0 0 Tuckey, c. 2 2 2
Lennon, c. 0 0 0 Kelly, c. 0 0 0
Hulberg, g. 1 0 2 Gunned, g. 1 0 0
Totals 14 10 16 Totals 10 7 14
Score by quarters: 10 17 27 38
Boys Town 9 16 22 27

Pug Griffin Will Manage Class B Nine
... At Lynchburg, Va.

Francis (Pug) Griffin, former manager of Lincoln in the old State league, left Friday to assume management of the Lynchburg, Va. team in the Class B Piedmont league.

Lynchburg is a member of the St. Louis Cardinal chain. For the past several years, Griffin has served as a scout with the Cards.

Griffin graduated from Lincoln sandlot baseball in 1917 to the first base position with Lincoln in the Western league. He was sold before the season was over to the Philadelphia Athletics.

Launching a major league career, that eventually brought him back to Lincoln as manager in the State league.

NU Baseball Squad Rates South Jaunt
A 22-game baseball schedule has been announced for Coach Tony Sharpe's Nebraska squad.

The Huskers, defending Big Seven champs, will play a four-game swing through the south before opening conference play at Oklahoma on April 8 and 9.

Players will leave Lincoln April 2 to open competition April 4 and 5 against Baylor at Waco, Tex. Single games with Hardin college, Wichita Falls, Tex., and Southwestern Tech at Weatherford, Okla., are also on the slate.

Kansas State will visit Lincoln April 22 and 23 for the first home games. The schedule:

April 4-5—Baylor university at Waco, Tex.
April 6—Hardin college at Wichita Falls, Tex.
April 7—Southwestern Tech at Weatherford, Okla.
April 8-9—Oklahoma at Norman.
April 13-16—Colorado at Boulder.
April 22-23—Kansas State in Lincoln.
April 23-26—Iowa State at Ames.
April 29-30—Kansas at Lawrence.
May 6-7—Oklahoma in Lincoln.
May 9-10—Kansas State at Manhattan.
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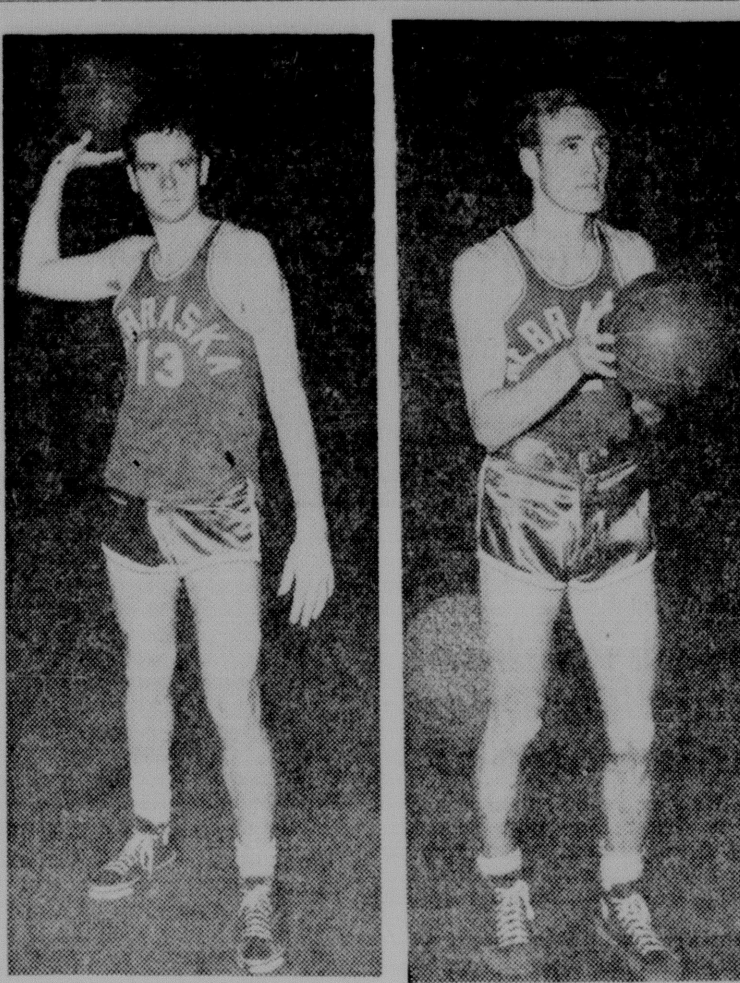
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SENIOR STARTERS—Guard Claude Retherford (left) and Forward Rodney Cox are seniors who will play before home fans for the last time tonight as the University of Nebraska takes Oklahoma in a showdown Big Seven basketball game. Retherford holds the all-time Husker scoring record and currently leads Big Seven scorers. Cox has been a defensive ace for the Huskers this season. (Star Staff Photos by Dick Blomgren.)

Iowa State Swimmers Way Ahead

... Huskers Third

BY GEORGE MILLER
(Star Sports Staff Member)

Scoring points in every event, Iowa State's swim squad opened a commanding distance between itself and the rest of the field Friday in the first portion of the Big Seven championships.

The Cyclones, intent on their eighth consecutive crown, seemed assured of achieving the goal. With seven events completed and

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five to go, the Ames crew had 58 points to 36 for second place Oklahoma.

Three records were broken and one written into the books for the first time—all provided by Iowa State athletes.

SOPH STARS. Sophomore Ed LaBerge smashed the 50-yard free style record in winning his qualifying heat. He swam the distance in :23.9, two-tenths of a second faster than the old record.

To prove that his time was no mistake, LaBerge came back in the finals to dethrone Nebraska's Marvin Grimm. The Cyclone won the final in :24.4. Malcolm Schmidt of Iowa State also slipped in ahead of Grimm.

Other records set by the Cyclones included two by distance ace Roger Watts. The perennial champion cracked the 220-yard free style mark and tied the Husker pool record by winning in :21.54. The old league mark had been 2:16.2.

He won the 1500-meter grind in :20:06.2 to establish a record. The event was on the program for the first time in a conference meet.

RELAY RECORD
The fourth record of the day was a 3:40.1 clocking in the 400-yard freestyle relay for the Iowa State quartet of Rush, Smith, Dick Kullman, Schmidt and LaBerge. The time bettered the 3:45.9 record set last year by Iowa State.

Oklahoma jumped into a solid second place by winning the backstroke and breast stroke events. The Sooners added more points in the distance races and diving.

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